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Title: Need to formulate a comprehensive action plan to ensure quality and good yield of iodized salt in Ganjam coast under Berhampur Constituency, Odisha.

DR. SIDHANT MOHAPATRA (BERHAMPUR): About 20,000 salt farmers have given up production of salt in Ganjam coast under Berhampur Constituency as the quality of salt and yield is badly getting affected due to climate change and low salinity. The canal water carrying sea water gets diluted and polluted. This leads to the farmers stopping their age old cultivation of salt and migrating to other states in search of jobs.

The salt farmers are to be modernized to improve the quality and yield by adopting latest technology. Central Salt Board and Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute, Bhavnagar may be entrusted with this job.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government that a comprehensive action plan with cultivation, production and value addition to iodized salt may be initiated in right earnest.